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Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. In most other areas, prices were generally lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak for mediums and mostly steady on the remainder of sizes. Demand was light to fairly good with the most movement centered around scattered features. Supplies of the larger sizes were tight to available while mediums remained fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on extra large but unchanged to 9 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes and in New England. The market tone was mostly steady on the larger sizes and barely steady on the lighter weight eggs. Demand improved and usually ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for larger sizes while smaller sizes were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light demand.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Prices in all other locations were 6 cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was generally steady for the larger sizes and cautiously steady to barely steady for the lighter weights. Retail demand was light to fairly good with loose egg movement rated as mostly moderate. Supplies were short to close on jumbo and extra large and adequate to available for the balance of sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady at best.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with lighter weights under the most pressure. Retail and distributive demand light to moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies generally available with smaller sizes ample.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were generally lower on all sizes. The market tone was mostly steady for the larger sizes and barely steady to weak for mediums. Demand was usually light to moderate. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to close while mediums remained fully sufficient to ample for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 12, 2002 was 57.56 cents, which was 0.98 cents less than a week earlier, but 3.16 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light and unaggressive demand.

WESTERN PricePrices 4-6 cents higher on jumbo, 1-2 cents higher on extra large, unchanged on large, and 5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 19% lower than last Monday with California down 23% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light on jumbo and extra large, ample on large and medium.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled, usually steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotions centering around heavier weight eggs were in progress or planned. Supplies were in a range of about adequate to ample for requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-98	88-90	62-64
New York	61-65	59-63	42-46
Philadelphia	59-63	58-61	41-46.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	51-58	49-52	32-39
Jackson (1)	60-62	56-59	45-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-73	59-67	41-50
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	50-54	48-52	32-36
Detroit (2)	46-51	45-50	32-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	48-52	47-50	30-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	49-56	48-54	32-37
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	69-71	66-68	48-50
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	92	82	65
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

California Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, unchanged on large, and 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 23% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings light on jumbo and extra large, ample on large and smaller sizes. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free, organic large dozen 289. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE			
JUMBO	106		
EXTRA LARGE	92		
LARGE	82		
MEDIUM	65		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 19, 2002 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 12, 2002 were 249,384 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	211,944	37,440	249,384
% change from the prior week.....	-9	-10	-9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged.

Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to overtime. Trade sentiment steady at best. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	31-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-20	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal for current week. Finished product supplies were irregular but generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-JUL-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.64
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged. Trading and offers were fully adequate for the fair demand. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished products were about adequate to fully adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-JUL-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.97

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JULY 15, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	9.7	5.9	10.0	41.1
	Change	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	37.0	11.7	21.4	118.6
	Change	-4.2	6.3	-2.8	-2.7	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	41.7	106.9	60.7	70.3	363.7
	Change	-6.6	-20.9	-5.5	-5.4	-16%
Medium	Curr Wk	29.2	54.2	27.0	26.0	167.1
	Change	1.3	-1.5	4.1	2.1	4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	9.3	3.9	6.9	29.7
	Change	-1.6	0.7	-2.1	3.5	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	26.6	11.3	13.2	64.0
	Change	-1.0	-5.9	-0.1	-2.4	-17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.9	67.6	20.8	39.1	169.0
	Change	-10.5	-11.6	0.9	-0.9	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	122.7	311.3	141.3	186.9	953.2
Percent	Change	-16%	-10%	-4%	-3%	-11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	953.2	-11%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	331.7	4%	38

Total Shell Egg	1284.9	-7%	211
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 01, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 01, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 12, 2002

CURRENT LOADS	24.75	FUTURE LOADS	9.25	TOTAL LOADS	34.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	--	--	--	39.00	36.00	--	1.00		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	55.00	3.00	
GNR W 2	32.50	--	37.00	38.00	--	34.00	2.00		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	41.00	3.00	
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	28.50	30.50	1.00										
GL W XL	--	--	45.00	47.00	45.00	--	4.50										
GL W LG	--	--	--	37.00	32.38	--	4.50										
GL W MD	--	--	21.71	23.29	--	--	1.75										
GL W SM	--	--	22.25	25.00	--	--	1.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	32.50	29.00	31.00	7.75										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	29.00	--	--	.50										
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	20.50	22.00	2.00										
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	-	--	20.00	8.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/08-12/02

CURRENT LOADS	146.00	FUTURE LOADS	66.50	TOTAL LOADS	212.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	36.00	38.20	37.00	39.00	36.50	36.00	17.00		GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	47.00	.25	
GNR W 2	32.50	34.00	37.00	38.00	32.00	34.67	7.00		GL W XL	43.00	44.33	--	--	--	51.85	19.50	
GNR W 3	25.50	27.00	--	--	26.25	28.17	6.00		GL W LG	34.00	40.00	--	--	--	40.24	25.50	
GNR BR 1	--	41.00	--	--	--	--	1.00		GL W MD	27.40	26.86	--	--	26.00	29.71	8.75	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	38.00	--	.25		NRBS - 45	20.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W XL	--	--	44.29	47.09	42.58	42.50	42.50		NRBS - 42	19.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W LG	--	44.18	38.00	42.02	31.85	40.40	42.00		NRBS - 39	20.20	21.80	--	--	--	--	5.00	
GL W MD	--	28.55	21.71	23.29	21.32	23.33	14.00										
GL W SM	24.75	25.75	23.81	25.50	--	--	10.00										
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	32.50	--	--	3.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	34.50	30.31	32.42	62.25										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	29.00	--	25.00	1.50										
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	20.38	22.19	8.00										
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	19.50	20.94	15.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NOTICE

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

IS

UNAVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	77-80	69-72	43-46	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-62	46-49	43-48	29-33	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
29-32	14-18	6-9

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 6/30/02-7/6/02

30-dozen cases 5,967

Receipts from the mainland: 6/23/02-6/29/02

30-dozen cases 7,734

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
74.49	69.27	55.03	46.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/08/02	07/01/02	07/09/01
PACIFIC COAST	353	292	366
LOS ANGELES	291	224	299

U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2002 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,123,673	-19	-6
FREE FLOWING	6,459,620	20	89
BLEND	1,865,639	25	49
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	12,762,304	2	16
BLEND	210,070	74	32
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,801,116	28	33
	41,150	-11	27
BLEND	4,934,338	12	120
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)			
TOTAL	29,197,910	10	42

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: JUNE 2, 2002 - JUNE 29, 2002

TOTAL 12,216,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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